

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-SINGAPORE ECONOMIC TIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Singapore has expressed its keenness to establish better ties with India; and
- (b) if so, the details of the proposals mooted in that regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and Company Affairs (Shri Anandrao V. Adsul)

(a) & (b): During the Prime Minister's official visit to Singapore in April, 2002, India and Singapore agreed to enhance economic cooperation between the two countries by setting up a Joint Study Group to explore the feasibility of entering into a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA). The Joint Study Group has had four meetings and is expected to submit its report in April, 2003. Thereafter the actual negotiations on the CECA are expected to begin.